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1           WHEREAS, Manuela Arreola was arrested after police  
2 discovered that her children were alone during the day while  
3 she was at work; and

4           WHEREAS, but for the grace of God, many hard-working,  
5 caring and loving parents could find themselves temporarily in  
6 a similar situation as Manuela Arreola; and

7           WHEREAS, there is no evidence that Manuela Arreola  
8 physically or mentally abused her children, who are reported  
9 to be in good health; and

10          WHEREAS, it is possible that Manuela Arreola faces  
11 deportation despite the fact that all of her children were  
12 born in the United States; and

13          WHEREAS, a decision to deport Manuela Arreola could  
14 singularly and unalterably change the fates of her children,  
15 who, until their mother's arrest, had the benefit of growing  
16 up under a role model who demonstrated the value of hard work  
17 and self-sacrifice; and

18          WHEREAS, efforts to assist Manuela Arreola to remain in  
19 the United States, keep her job and remain united with her  
20 children could affect her and her children's lives for the  
21 better;

22          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the immigration and naturalization  
24 service and the federal courts be urged to look with  
25 compassion and logic upon the case of Manuela Arreola and that

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1 each work at finding a way to keep Manuela Arreola and her  
2 children together in this country as hard as Ms. Arreola  
3 worked to find and keep a job while at the same time caring  
4 for her children; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
6 delivered to the immigration and naturalization service, the  
7 chief judge of the United States district court in New Mexico,  
8 United States senators Pete V. Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, and  
9 United States representatives Joe Skeen, Heather Wilson and  
10 Tom Udall.